

WHO'S THEO? – PART 1
"WHAT Are You Thinking?"
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"What comes to our minds, when we think about who God is, is the most important thing about us."

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"Theology": Study of God

Hosea 6:6 "I want you to know me..."

BIG IDEA:

What I think about God shapes my whole relationship with Him, and what I believe He thinks about me determines how close I will grow toward Him!

The Problem: We tend, by a secret law of the soul, to move toward our mental image of God.

Idolatry: Thinking wrongly about God.
(Romans 1, Luke 19:41-44)

The Solution: Know God!
John 10:14-15, Philippians 3:7-11

I must turn each truth I learn about God into a matter of meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God.

Meditation: Actively calling to mind, thinking over, dwelling on and applying to oneself the various things that one learns about God and His purposes and promises.

What do you think about God?

What do you think He thinks about you?

How do these perceptions affect your relationship with Him?

Until I know God as He is, I will never be all He created me to be!

Zephaniah 3:17

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POINTED QUESTION: How well do you think God knows you? Begin your study by reading Psalm 139:1-18.

What is your first reaction to reading this portion of God's Word? How comforted are you by the knowledge that He knit you together in your mother's womb, laid out every day of your life before you were born, and is with you still?

What do you know about God? How did you arrive at your beliefs? Where do the roots from your current beliefs about God come from?

What do you see as the difference between knowing about God *and* knowing Him?

Who does God say He is? How similar is the God He says He is to the God you believe He is? Why do you think that is?

What would keep you from examining your belief system, measuring it against Scripture, and considering whether it needs to be altered in any way in order to know God as He SAYS He is? What steps can you take to see God as He says He is?

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends you,
And lead me along the path of everlasting life."
Psalm 139:23-24*